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You are here in Rensselaer, Indiana, a small town, population 5045. Rensselaer is the home to 5 1/2 stop lights, 4 pizza places, 1 roller rink, no movie theatre, 5 police cars, and 1 donut shop (and a Walmart on the way.)

Reluctantly the students spend nine months at a one story high school next to a cornfield. Rensselaer Central High School has a graduating class of 110 with a total of 507 students.

The terrain rough and hard, the journey a long one but the freshmen persevered, . . . and they're still alive! They left the land of lilliput and entered the kingdom of the giants with trembling little hearts and scared little eyes; but their

confidence grew with time, and next year they will be prepared to rock like sophomores.

After recovering from the trauma of being a freshman the sophomores spent the year just trying to survive at RCHS.

In a small town rumors are plenty and fast spreading. When the junior class entered the high school they were better known as "failures than successes" and that they were the worst class ever but during their high school career they proved rumors aren't always true by putting on a successful prom.

After four long years the seniors are trucking on, but their hearts will always be here in the small, hometown of Rensselaer.

Ashley Schreag and Leslie Kaye stop for a photo shoot at Prom '93.



The cross country team waves hello to all the on lookers during the Homecoming.

Shannon McGraw gets a little bit of lovin' from a friend at the FFA Young McDonald Farm.



Toby Jordan, Steve Koeckke, and Alex Sitz show senior spirit at the KV game, the best of the year.

Jamie Holbrook and Cristin Carter appear as if the Bombers might suffer a defeat during a varsity basketball game.



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Members of the freshmen class (Brian Past, Bill Hannon, Matt Damas, Brandi Hitchings, Cathy Jordan, Kelly Healy, and Liz Daniels) ride the Freshman Cafe float in the homecoming parade.

Numerous fans see the photographer at a home game.





The BPA backs the Bombers.

Deana Rule proudly takes her place at commencement.

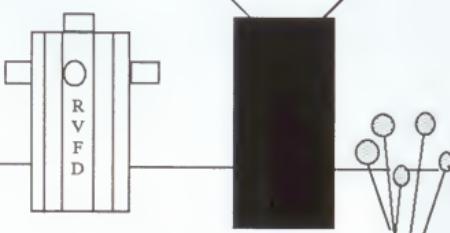
Toby Jordan muses in the hallway.



Class officers: seniors Angie Tiebe and Jared Hancock; juniors Ryan Brown and Ashley Schregg; sophomores Paul McKim, Valerie Crews, Larry Seifried, and Jim Grainer; and the freshmen Brandi Hitchings, Liz Daniels, and Rachel Waling.

Academics

Students
Working
Ahead





New faculty member Mrs. Jill Henaday assists Everardo Alverado in Algebra II class.

Auto Mechanics

Auto Mechanics class Starts VICA

The Rensselaer Central High School Auto Mechanics class does a lot in the course of a year. The Auto Mechanics classes are made up of a two hour class in the morning and a more advanced three hour class in the afternoon. During the two hour class students learn most of the basics that a person might need to know when working on their lawn mower or their car for examples. During the afternoon three hour class the students, who had already taken the two hour class, learn more complicated things that a mechanic might need to know. This year they did a complete truck overhaul, they worked on and rebuilt transmissions, they did brake jobs, and many other small tasks such as tune-ups. During the course of the year they had a car wash, wax, or a

complete detail for anyone who needed their car cleaned.

This year the three hour class got VICA going at our school. VICA is the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. They also painted the VICA truck with a bit of graphic design. With the money from the car wash they might even be able to buy VICA jackets for everyone in the class.

Three members of the three hour class, John Kendall, Tim Widner, and Chris Northcut, traveled to the Vocational Skills Contest and competed against 30 other schools. There they had to identify various parts of a car, explain what was wrong with some of the parts, and answer questions about parts. They placed in the top ten out of the thirty schools that were there.

The afternoon three hour class from the left Matt Debnam, Greg Kinarred, Eric Justice, David Hamer, Eric Murray, Berry Baker, Carla Curnutt, Tim Widner, and Chris Northcut. Not pictured is Jon Kendall.

Greg Parker helps classmate Jon Kendall check the oil in Mr. Days car.



Berry Baker diligently waits as he cuts off a section of steel for his bumper.



Mr. Allen helps Jon Kendal put a water pump on his car.



Tim Widner checks for any looked over spots while David Hamer waits to spray of the car.

Bomber Brigade Moves in All Directions

The 1992-1993 band had a very good year. During marching season in the fall, they participated in contests at Anderson, Highland, Lebanon, district at Lewis Cass, Lafayette Jeff, and Elwood. At Lafayette Jeff, they received a total score of 53.8, which is the highest points scored by Rensselaer in five years.

Among the usual concerts were also the end of the year vocal and instrumental concert on the court house steps. Pep band members kept busy playing during home basketball games.

At the solo and ensemble, 10 numbers (including 26 people) qualified for the state competition. Band members also competed in the organizational contest at Michigan City Rogers High School, where they received a division 2 rating.

The band instructor was Mr. Glenn Northern and he was assisted by middle school director Mr. Matt Taylor. Mr. Northern gave outstanding comments regarding his students, "I think this year's group is the best I've seen in Rensselaer. The commitment is good and the attitude is great. I'm real proud of the students and their accomplishments and I look forward to their future accomplishments." Unfortunately, Mr. Northern reluctantly moved on to an Evansville high school during the summer.

The 1992-93 Bomber Brigade performs for a football half time show.



The band students take a breather while they listen to advice from Mr. Northern.



Marching band drum major, Melanie Callahan, leads the Bomber Brigade during a half time show.

in concert with the times

Intent on keeping the beat, Mike Kasky, Chad Cummings, Omar Villarreal, and Jim Grattner focus on a halftime show.



Pep band members inspire the crowd to rock for a win.

The heartbeat of the homecoming parade includes the bouncin' Bomber Brigade.

The 1992-93 band council: (front row, from left) Elaine Waling, Kelli Barlow, Scott Jackson, and Courtney Stewart; and (back row) Bill Fish, Chris Northcutt, Peter Schenck, Melanie Callahan, Kate Kanne, and Casey Tillett.

CAUTION TEENS AT WORK

Building Trades students put up another house.

Building a house from a plot of ground is a difficult task, especially for a small group of high schoolers, yet this year the building trades class, under the leadership of Dave Goodman, did just that.

During two three hour classes, morning and afternoon, a group of juniors and senior learned electrician, carpentry, and construction skills. Most important of all the group of teenagers learned teamwork. This teamwork helped the team pull together through all obstacles and finish the project on time for the May open house.



Terry Vaughn cleans the trim of a door before varnishing. Wade Johnson drills holes in a window frame before hammering it into place.



Building Trades

Mike Spencer and Jason Buffkin work on the ceiling in the garage. Dave Goodman helps Brian Gastineau and Darrin Stone saw planks. The afternoon building trades Tracey Vaughn, Jeff Hitchings, Jason Buffkin, Mike Anderson, Wade Johnson, back row Mike Spencer, Sean Robinson, Chad Phegley, and Mike Garcia.



The morning building trades are Misty Manns, Heidi Kellner, David Whited, Kevin Hammond, Kevin Best, Chad Toold, and Jim Chapman.

*Concert
Choir*



*Girls
Choir*



Rensselaer Central High School Vocal Music

Choir contest winner Miriam Hansen shows her solo abilities when she plays Eve in the spring musical.





Singers Tune Up Their Vocal Engines

When travelling down the music hall way at Rensselaer Central, students usually hear a variety of melodies coming from the choir room. From Beethoven to the Beatles, from sacred to Broadway, one of the groups spends time during the afternoon hours getting ready for an upcoming performance: perhaps a formal concert, a pops program, or an evening on the court house steps. The 1992-93 choirs were very active performing less traditional ways, such visits to the nursing home or at an elementary school.

The concert choir sings on the court house steps and part of a vocal-instrumental performance outdoors in May.

Members of the show choir rehearse "The Leader of the Pack," a fall mini musical which features 1950's-60's rock music.



Foreign Languages Are Out of This World

Mardi Gras a Success

Rensselaer's foreign language club, Sigma Di Gamma, was sponsored during the 1992-93 school year by Mrs. Lisa Davenport. In addition to the annual Mardi Gras, the foreign language club created a week long celebration of foreign lands April 5-18.

Numerous activities highlighted the celebration. Foreign language students decorated the halls with signs and banners in French, Latin, and Spanish. Four hallways were designated for each of the countries which were the focus of this year's festival: Italy, Mexico, Japan, and France.

Sigma Di Gamma held a poster contest for anyone in the school. Posters displayed foreign themes, and awards were given to Bryan Luzadder (first place), Louis Avarado (second place), and Amanda Whitecotton (third place).

Students also traveled to the middle school to perform a skit in hopes of promoting an interest in foreign language study (In return, elementary students came to the high school in May and shared their knowledge with "Jamberry.") In conjunction with foreign language week the high school cafeteria served Spanish, Italian, and French foods.



Eric Van Meter and Alex Sitz hang a piñata in the hallway.

SIGMA DI GAMMA

Nathan Brown looks on in amazement as Eric Beaver downs a foreign delicacy.



Bottom row from left: Avery Douglas, Angie Dill, Andy Gembala, Peter Schenk, Tony Spararo, Mike Ringen, Ryan Meunier, Molly Stowers, Sarah Kingman, Stephenie Stone, Crystal Hall, Amanda Douglas, Elizabeth Steiner. Second Row: Teressa Gutwein, Liz Daniels, Colleen Mathews, Christa Wortley, Melanie Callahan, Carrie Brooks, Courtney Reagan, Courtney Roberts, Sarah Steffen, Angie Studer, Alex Sitz, Larry Seyfried, Amy Mackey, Chris Gorney, and Colt Webb. Third Row: David Groppé, Kristi Donnelly, Anne Jordan, Chris Prather, Eric Beaver, Cecilia Villereal, Kelly Smith, David Fenton, Josh Ojeda, Nicole Johnson, Marisa Maxwell, Jackie Dunbar, Becky Balvich, and Wendy Koebcke.

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

The health occupations class was a very challenging but rewarding course. It is designed to give students interested in a medical career insight and hands on experience of what it is like to work in a health care facility.

The 1993 health occupations students spent the first two hours, every day of the first semester, learning basic nursing skills in the classroom. They were taught everything from making beds and cleaning patients, to naming and knowing the function of all the bones and muscles of the body. The second semester was spent at various health care facilities which let the students see what it is like to work in the medical field. Some were at the hospital, the care center, the public health office, and a dentist office.

These students had the option to get certified as a nurse's aid. In order to get the 105 hour certification the students had to spend nine weeks at the care center and pass a test at the end of the year.

In 1993, for the first time, the health occupations students were

allowed to participate in Jasper County Hospital's mock disaster drill. It was held to see how the hospital staff would function during a natural disaster. The students posed as the accident victims. They had makeup and fake blood applied to them at the school, in order to make the scene look more life-like. They were then transported to the disaster sight to wait for the accident to be called in and for the ambulances to arrive. The hospital staff was to react as they would if it were an actual disaster.

The students also spent a day at Indiana University-Northwest for their annual medical career day. They went around to different rooms on campus listening to people talk about the careers that they choose.

After taking the health occupations course, many of the students were more confident about their choice of becoming a health care worker.

Gabby Spence arranges scissors in central supply.

The health occupations students are (from left) Toni Miller, Jody Stalbandske, Heather Donnelly, Maurie Williams, Deana Rule, Heaven Wagner, Susan Flatt, Stacey Manni, Carla Sizemore, Jenny Brunton, and Gabby Spence.





Susan Flatt sets up a new x-ray machine at Dr. Klocko's office.

Rita Nagel applies make-up to Jody Stalbandske in order to make the disaster drill look more realistic



Meri Etta Stowers, Director of in Service Education, talks to the health occ. students about safety precautions in the hospital. From left to right: Meri Etta Stowers, Stacey Manns, Susan Flatt, Jenny Brunton, Deana Rule, and Toni Miller.

Carla Sizemore and Jenny Brunton wait for the EMT's to come and examine them at the mock disaster drill.

Yearbook and Newspaper Staff

The 1992-93 yearbook staff worked hard on trying to capture those special moments and recording them in the Chaos, the RCHS yearbook. During the fall some of the staff members attended Saint Joseph's College. At the convention students had the chance to learn about layouts, yearbook covers, and photography. The yearbook sold magazines to help the funds in the organization's account.

Co-editors Deana Rule and Anne Jordan reflected on the year, "We love doing the yearbook. It adds a special meaning to the word 'bonding' or is that binding?" Deana won the Patrick N. Brown award for being the best yearbook worker.

Publishing monthly for the first time in several years, the *The Rensselaerien* achieved success with both an artistic and well written document. Editor Jill Smith received the first ever outstanding journalist award before she left RCHS for Indiana University to pursue a career in the field of publishing.

Courtney Stewart and Jenny Conley take a break from newspaper writing and browse through a yearbook.

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The Rensselaerien staff: (from left to right, first row) Roger Burns, Jose Rodriguez, Craig DeBoard, Jill Smith, Mark Rayburn, Dave Lintner, and Sean McKim; (second row) Jenny Conley, Mary Hull, Toni Miller, Courtney Stewart, Art Longoria, and Matt Barlow.

Anne Jordan is putting the finishing touches on her layout, while Kate Kamm and Sean McKim work on the computer.

The Chaos staff: (from left to right, first row) Valarie Marlatt, Jodes Stalbandiske, Mr. William Oates, Toni Miller, Bryon Huff, and Sean McKim; (second row) Andy Chambers, Mary Hull, Lisa Steiner, Rodney Whitaker, Crystal Hall, Angie Dill, Deana Rule, Katie Blue, Joel Canine, Dave Lintner, Mark Rayburn, and Lisa Harden; and (third row) Anne Jordan, Amanda Douglas, Kyle Lanoue, and Shady Haskell.

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Practicing soil judging before school, the FFA state winners are (from left) Lori Kobilbagen, Brad Kobilbagen Scott Lakin, Jeff Lakin, Heath Arndt, Jim Woodke, Ryan Kobilbagen, David Kellner, and Adam Nagel.

Performance is the goal of most clubs at Rensselaer Central High School and both Science and Drama Clubs are no exception. Sometimes finding time on the schedule is a problem, but whether student members are involved with club functions or whether they are busy with related groups, the school is the recipient of talented individuals.

Constructing and moving scenery at the spring play requires choreography like the action on stage.

Acquiring property and winning the war are two goals of the game science club member and computer answer man Craig Lewis is trying to pursue "after hours."



Science Club

Members of the Rensselaer Central High School Science Club: (top from left) Norm Howell, Steffan Howard, and Tony Spataro; (middle) Lisa Harden, Judy Stalbandske, Heather Donnelly, Valerie Marlatt, and Colleen Knuff; (seated) Craig Lewis, Peter Schenck, and Molly Stover; and (front) Keely Eibleman, Tonya Wireman, Cindy Rimer, and Sarah Kingman.

Drama Club

The Rensselaer Central High School Drama Club: (back row from left): Misty Walker, Amanda Garcia, Katie Blue, Stef Filton, Colleen Mathews, Malia Hale, Ryan Brown, Jenny Conley, Norm Howell, and Roger Burns; and (back) Jennifer Kinnaird, Amy Kinnaird, Bona Hessler, Willie Wallace, Liz Stoddard, Amanda Whitecotton, Dave Fish, Scott Jackson, and Stacey Wilton.



No bones about it, numerous Drama Club members surround Ryan Brown playing a rock star in "The Apple Tree" musical.



Student Council Sets the Pace

The Rensselaer Central Student Council continued to be an active group sponsored as it was led by Mrs. Dori Hancock and president David Groppe. The Student Council positioned itself to take an active role in student activities and to provide for the welfare of the student body.

The responsibilities of student council include Senior Pride Day, homecoming activities, Morp, singing Valentines, and Funfest. Some new activities were the Channel One Mock Presidential election, a computer matchmaking service, the Mr. Bomber contest (an counterpart to Homecoming queen), and Bombervision (an RCHS newscast program which used exciting computer graphics and student anchors.)



Stacey Daniels and Natalie George stand firm while Curt Hannon prepares to launch poultry.

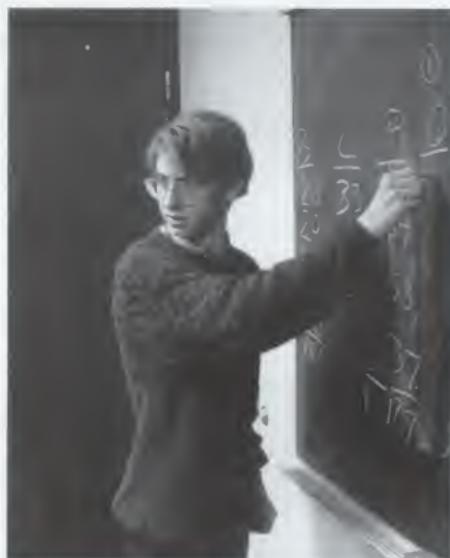




Student Council

Members of Student Council include Misty Falkenburg, Angie Tiede, Andy Gembala, Kerry Kingman, Courtney Roberts, Cristin Carter, Courtney Reagan, Ryann Montgomery, J.J. Nagel, Rob Nussbaum, Mike Ringen, Casey Tillett, Ryan Brown, Craig Hurley, Grady Smith, Paul McKim, Beyon Huff, and Jared Hancock. Not pictured: Toby Jordan, Sheila Souza, and Mindy Subr.

Dave Groppe tabulates the votes in the mock Presidential election.



Harold Stanley wishes Ryan Brown luck on his speech while Craig Hurley looks on.

Student Council serenades singing Valentine recipient Amy Brown.

Library Assistants Help Keep Library on Track

The library assistants help out the students and faculty of Rensselaer Central High School immeasurably with their vast knowledge of the media center. They take extreme pride in their duties which include watching the front desk, checking books in and out for students and faculty, and entering overdue books into the computer.

Leslie Kaye, Molly Stowers, and Asbly Schreeg find information easier thanks to the work of the library assistants.

Jennifer Diebl sorts the cards from some library material as Mrs. Baumann looks on in approval. This is just one of the many important jobs that a library assistant is responsible for doing.



The library assistants include (front row, from left) Sharon Dowdy and Deb Kibbe, and (back) Mrs. Norita Schultz, Adam Rangel, Christy Miller, Amanda Whitecotton, and Mrs. Mary Lou Baumann.





Answering the phone in the office can be time consuming, but office assistants, such as Julie Dow, help Mrs. Chris Riser with the load.

Christa Worley finds time to pose for a picture in between all that work.



Valerie Burdick chats on the phone during a coffee break.

Office Assistants Train for Future.

All year long, trained Business Professionals of America members assist in the school office. These members take telephone messages, help collect attendance, type and prepare documents, and run errands. This duty provides a service for the school and gives additional training at the same time. The BPA had 92 percent membership involvement in this activity this year. Periods of the day not covered by the BPA members are taken care of by study hall students. The Office Assistant personnel changed many times throughout the year, so there is not enough room to list all participants.

Keeping up with the ever changing and competitive business world is often a challenge for students who are considering occupations in the field. At Rensselaer Central, the Business Professionals of America organization not only kept up with latest trends, but also faced the competition at state and national levels with talent that was second to none.

BPA had its best year thus far with 14 members receiving the chapter award at the state conference. Among the awards were 1st place for the chapter yearbook (which went on to national competition), the community service award, the safety award, BPA week award, and the state banner (highest award in the state for program of activities—the national banner award was given for the chapter as well.)

Bobbi Sipkema displays the office assistant award she won at the state BPA competition. (She advanced at national level also.) Bobbi won the A+ professional attitude for the school year.



State BPA Conference award winners: (back from left) Valerie Mariatt, Kim Tillofta, Brandi Cook, Christa Worley, Brandi Dobson, and Bobbi Sipkema; and (front) Tonye WIREMAN, Heaven Wagner, Stacey Manns, Susan Flatt, and Keely Eshelman.

Senior BPA members; (clockwise from top left) Steve Long, Heather Amsler, Julie Hensley, Kim Kronen, Julie Deno, Mistie Crapney, Becky Craig, Kim DeWees, Natalee George, and Julie Eisele; surround the spirit award winning Bomber flag.



Business Professionals of America



After the installation of new officers and members, senior BPA members (Steve Long, Julie Hensley, Bobbi Sipkema, Kim Kronen, Mistie Crapsey, Natalee George, Julie Eistel, Denae Schultz, Kim DeWees, Julie Deno, Heather Amisler, and Becky Craig) pose for a shot.



At the state BPA convention Valerie Marlatt receives an award.

Senior Mistie Crapsey answers the phone for Mrs. Kingman while pulling office time.

Bomber Color Guard Yields to No One

This year's color guard twirled their hearts out starting with two weeks of training and practice in the summer. In guard camp the new members learned the basics of flag and marching. The teacher/choreographer, Mr. Quarrels, showed them the beginnings of a routine, and then the girls practiced to perfect it.

Later, at band camp the color guard added more routines and marched along with the musicians. It took a while for the nine members to memorize and synchronize, but by the first home football game they were out on the field with wide smiles. In the following weeks of contests, there was bus sickness, performing with frozen fingers, or the opposite weather extreme, trying to hold their heads up and smile while looking directly into the blazing sun. Mostly, though, the dancers with the Bomber Brigade were proud of themselves and had a lot of fun performing for half time crowds.

Sarah Kingman, Brandee Cook, Raquel Kilmner, Kelly Smith, and Tyann Kiger practice (with clarinet player Abbey Siegriest in the background).



COLOR GUARD

Amber Bailey rehearses for a half time show.

Captain Brandi Cook shows the audience her big smile.



Raquel Kilmer and Kelly Smith perform at a half time show.

Aggies Ease On Down The Row

The 1992-93 FFA year was kicked off with their annual greenhand initiation,(a ritual they perform on every new member). Their spirit continued throughout the year, they were active with many contests and convention. The Rensselaer chapter was most competitive in the soil, crop, and livestock judging areas. The success of the soil judges began at the Purdue Invitational, where they received top honors. Three teams competed at the district level and all qualified for state. At the state FFA soil judging contest they placed first which also qualified them for the national contest in May. The national team members received top honors in Oklahoma. The crop judges had two teams competing at the district and state levels. They placed first at a state which pushed them up two the regional level. The livestock judges also did equally well. They placed 10th in the National Livestock Contest in Kansas City. The 65th National FFA Judging Contest was also held in Kansas City which they were able to attend. These contests were addition to their normal activities like their FFA week during late winter.



Pat Miller is as confused as the ducks are disgusted at the FFA Young McDonald's Farm.

David Kellner gets some advice at the National Soil Judging Contest in Oklahoma.





Mrs. Nuttbaum hopes the FFA faculty breakfast served by Kathy Jordan is the best pancake and sausage meal ever.

FFA members work together to plant their test plot behind the middle school.



Courtney Waling, Mr. Wamsley, and Brad Kohlhagen enjoy each other's company in the Ag room.

The National Soil Judgers, Jeff Lakin, Brad Kohlhagen, Adam Nagel, Jerry Chernowsky, Ryan Kohlhagen, David Kellner, and Coach Ron Wamsley pose for a group picture in Oklahoma City, OK.



Home Ec. club instructor guides students through the latest in computer technology.



The Home Ec. club (from left, back row) are Kim Barten, Steph Filson, Andrea Peart, Mary Evanso, Amy Sigman, and Abby Zimmer; and (front) Nikki Hammer, Liz Daniels, Lisa Simar, Misty Crews, Misty Walker, Amy Kinnard, Stacey Welch, and Jennifer Kinnard. Seated are Chris Gorney and Rodney Huff.





Home Ec Club

The annual Prom Fair was once again put on by the Home Ec. club. They had very high hopes for Prom Fair, and, though it wasn't a total disaster, it didn't live up to the members' expectations. Home Ec. club president Mary Evano said, "We were really hoping for a better turn out, but hey, it's just one of those things that you've just got to live with."

In order to join the Home Ec. club you must be enrolled in at least one of Miss. Smith's home economics classes.

Club member Mary Hull was a bit disappointed that the club was not more active, but she was still positive. "I was kind of upset that we didn't do much more this year, but I am sure that there will be a better turn out next year. I just wish that I could have been a part of it."

Some Home Ec. club members participate in one of Miss Smith's classes. Pictured is Amy Sigman, Christy Davison, Mary Evano, Steph Filson, and Chad Smart.

Home Ec. club members Kate Kanne and Chris Gorney admire some of the prom selections available during Prom Fair '93.



Interact and BADD try to make RCHS a better place

Interact is a service club at Rensseler which consists of twenty-two juniors and seniors lead by Mr. Stefanch. Every year the group must perform two services, one for the community and the other for a foreign country. This year for their community service the Interact students cleaned up two miles of litter on highway 114. For their international service the group donated money to the poor in Chile. Also they sent junior Liz Stiener to live with these people. When asked about her experiences in Chile, Liz said she spent most of her time traveling and learning about the people and their culture. Liz said "I had considered working for the Peace Corps. and wanted hands on experience with missionary work."



Six members of interac pose for the camera while cleaning up highway 114. To the left Mindy Shur, David Grappie, and Garred Hancock all take part in an Interact meeting.



The students of Interact clean up highway 114 for their community service.

Interact is from left: Andy Gemballa, Anne Jordan, Liz Steiner, Angie Dill, Marisa Spicer, Ashley Schretz, Kristey Donnelly, Amanda Douglas, Kate Kanne, Lisa Shar, Courtney Stewart, Patty Nagle, Garred Hancock, Eric Beaver, Debra Latte, Christy Worley, Tonya Allie, Christal Hall, Dave Grappas, Stephen Howard, Heather Rafferty, and Jamie Wilmington.

Interact BADD



BADD is from left: Bobbie Sipkema, Courtney Stewart, Teresa Gutwien, Collen Mathews, Mick Brownfield, Greg Gessis, Carla Sizemore, Natalie George, Andy Gemballa, Stacey Daniels, Angie Dill, Angie Studer, Tyann Kiger, Lavor Chadwick, Michelle Miller, Lorrie Smith, Larisa Spicer, Kendra Zacker, Jason Spangle, David Grappie, Brandon Frazee, Eric Whitlow, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Cecy Valerian, Carrie Brooks, Jobina Buzick, Mel Caliban, Kelly Smith, Val Marlatt, Lisa Harden, Jody Stalbaniki, Toni Miller, Eric Beaver, Chris Prather, and Shadie Haskei.

SPELL BOWL TEAM



Spelling team: (front row from left) Jamie Wilmington, Crystal Hall, Carla Sizemore, and Jill Smith; and (back row) Heather Ulm, Craig Lewis, Peter Schenk, Laurie Smith, Amanda Whitecotton.



National Honor Society

Members of National Honor society are (front row) Stacy Daniels, Teresa Gutwein, and Jill Smith; (back row) Chris Praiber, Eric Beaver, Dave Groppe, and Jared Hancock.

ACADEMIC TEAM



Academic Team: (from left) Jenny Conley, Teresa Gutwein, Amanda Whitecotton, Laury Smith, Donna Latta, Brian Rasmussen, Larry Seyfried, Dave Groppe, Craig Lewis, Pete Schenk, Courtney Reagan, Heather Ulm, Courtney Stewart, Brad Whitecotton, Jamie Wilmington.



High School Art Show Opens Series at New Carnegie Arts Center

Beehler's career decidedly a success

RCHS has come to the end of an era: the culmination of a quarter of a century of dedication to the expansion of students' minds. Roger Beehler retired leaving behind one of the most special art programs in secondary education. He inspired students to believe they have talents and work to the best of their abilities. Along with this, Mr. Beehler instilled in young people the desire to act like ladies and gentlemen and to respect each other.

The students at R.C.H.S. will greatly miss Mr. Roger Beehler, but we will always hold on to the memories of the dusty art room, the soap-box speeches, and of a man who let the students draw flowers of any color.

In the New Carnegie Center Mr. Beehler is presented a collage from his many graduated students.



Students work on a scrap sculpture during the first semester of art class.

Mr. Beehler chats with Mary Chetak outside the show.

Pumped with Pride

The cheerleaders started out a very busy season at the end of the last school year. They attended the Indiana Cheer Camp in Greencastle during the first week of July. The Varsity received first place on all three days, and the overall best squad at the camp. The JV also received two first places and a second place during the day's evaluation.

After camp the cheerleaders started practice for the upcoming football season. They were very busy decorating our school for Homecoming. Their season continued into the football regional, where they backed our team. They tried to keep our crowds spirit up, but the season came to an end.

The cheerleaders had no break. They began practices for the basketball season right away. They had malelifters for the first time in several years, which demanded even more practice. The malelifters traveled with the cheerleaders to the games and to sectional. Sectional was the busiest time for the cheerleaders. The town and school was painted in our school spirit. Helping the basketball team to the final game, they built up the spirit in the crowd.

Their season came to an end after the final game in the sectional.

Even though the season had come to an end, most of the girls focused on try-outs for the next year. They try-out in April, and then they will begin practicing for the upcoming year again.

The outgoing seniors said that they will always have fond memories as a cheerleader at Rensselaer, and that it has been a big part of their high school career. They look forward in coming back and watching others lead our school spirit.

Varsity Cheerleaders are (clockwise from top left) Angie Dill, Courtney Reagan, Natalee George, Christa Wortley, Teressa Gutwein, and Courtney Roberts.

Freshman Cheerleaders are (clockwise from top left) Nicki Kerns, Amy Raff, and Elaine Waling.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are (clockwise from top left) Carrie Brooks, Courtney Waling, Rachel Hansen, Sara Steffen, Angie Studer, and Amy Mackey.

Pumped with Pride



The Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders lead the Bomber crowd in our school song before the game.

Amy Mackey holds her head high for the Bomber team during a free throw.



The male lifters are (left to right) Mick Brownfield, Grady Smith, Eric Beaver, Joel Mason, Brad Dunlap; they anticipate their next stunt at a basketball game.

The Varsity Cheerleaders strike a pose for the camera.

Courtney Reagan, Courtney Robertz, Angie Dill, Amy Mackey, and Carrie Brooks wave from above to the fans in the Homecoming Parade.



Sunshine Society

Active as usual, the Rensselaer Central High School Sunshine Society kept busy with their many activities: candy and gift item sale, the annual sunshine dance, the ideal lady night, daddy date night, and the mothers' tea.

The following girls were elected Sunshine officers for 1992-93:

President	Teressa Gutwein
Vice Presidents	Miriam Hansen
	Courtney Roberts
Treasurer	Leslie Kaye
Recording Secretary	Jill Smith
Historians	Cha Kleist
	Cecelia Villarreal

From top to bottom, junior class, sophomore class, and freshman class Sunshine members.



Active as ever



Senior Sunshine members



Sunshine officers (first row from left) Ashley Schreg, Angie Dill, Anne Jordan, Misty Falkenberg, Julie Deno and Courtney Reagan, and (second row) Amanda McIlwain, Angie Studer, Casey Tillett, Misty Garcia, Cristin Carter, and Elaine Waling; (third row) Miriam Hansen, Terissa Gutwin, Courtney Roberts, and Jill Smith.

Busy all year long

Clockwise at the Sunshine faculty breakfast during Spirit Week: Courtney Reagan, Cristin Carter, Anne Jordan, Jill Smith, and Misty Garcia take time off from feeding the teachers, at the teachers breakfast, and feed themselves.



Mrs. Marylou Baumann gives a hug to her husband John, who is dressed up for the Sunshine dance, a Night in Camelot



Mrs. Nancy Meissman, Mrs. Debbie Hannon, and Mrs. Cindy Kimmel smile and take time for a picture after eating their breakfast. Mr. Terry Butler also takes time to show off his smile.



...community and school



Members of the Sunshine society, Teressa Gutwein, Miriam Hansen, Courtney Roberts, Craig Lewis, and Amber Raff, pose after working on the Camelot set.

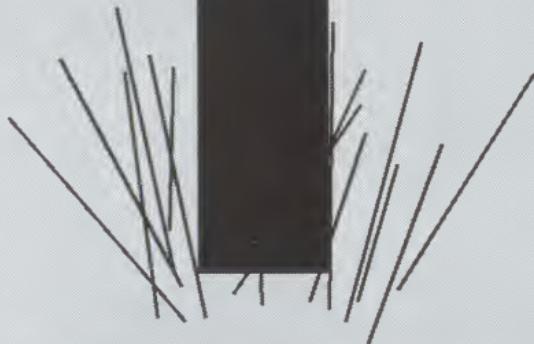


Mr. Day crowns Sunshine Queen Teressa Gutwein with her court nearby, Miriam Hansen, Ashley Schreg, Rachel Hansen, and Elaine Waling.



Activities

Students at Play





With the background of "A Night in Camelot," the Sunshine Dance court poses for a formal picture: (from left) Elaine Waling, Rachel Hansen, Teressa Gutwein (queen), Aisley Schreg, and Miriam Hansen.

HOMECOMING 1992

Homecoming 1992 proved to be another exciting week at Rensselaer Central High School resulting in a tremendous Bomber victory for the football team and the crowning of a new senior homecoming queen. Carla Sizemore was the lucky senior student who received the majority vote and was crowned homecoming queen 1992.

Her running mates, voted in by senior males, were Kim DeWees, Natalee George, Missy Beaver, and Teressa Gutwein. These five girls made appearances at the homecoming parade and bonfire. The winning contestant was crowned during half time at the football game with Lake Station.

Natalee George savors her unique chance to take a spin in the sportmobile she borrowed for Homecoming ceremonies, while escort Keith Wing looks on.



Homecoming escort Eric VanMeter anxiously guides candidate Kim DeWees to her place among the other contestants. Teressa Gutwein, dressed to the 9's, greets the crowd.





Andy Gembala helps former queen, Leah Carroll, place the homecoming crown upon Carla Sizemore's head.

Missy Beaver enjoys her short ride around the track during the halftime homecoming ceremonies.



Carla Sizemore poses with her escort, Chris Prather, after being crowned 1992 Homecoming Queen.



Homecoming Activities 1992

The entire week of Homecoming was full of exciting activities to raise the school spirit in the student body.

The senior year is anticipated by most students for their participation in "Senior Pride Day." Freshmen usually dread this day, but most end up having fun as a lackey. Each senior chooses a freshmen and on Wednesday they dressed them up in the most embarrassing and imaginative outfits they could find. Freshmen carried books for their seniors and some had to push or pull them in wagons, carts, and other weird creations on wheels. The new high school students sang the school song many times throughout the day and played games on the stage at lunch. At the end of the day, there was a freshmen parade around the gym and contests between the freshmen and seniors.

Thursday night was the traditional parade and bonfire. Floats and firetrucks went through town and ended up at the school where a crowd gathered for the bonfire. Spectators were psyched up for Friday's big game through cheering, singing, and listening to motivating speeches.



A group of leary freshmen (Lisa Sinar, Josh Canaday, Nathan Bailey, TJ Todd, Scott Lakin, and Darrin Alson) perform for a senior English class during spirit week.



New head coach Steve Snyder rallies the football team and its supporters before a blustery bon fire.
Kellie Barlow, Dave Fish, and Cristin Carter get ready for the next spirit day game planned by Toby Jordan and Dave Groppe.



Aboard the winning homecoming float, sophomores Jason Freeman, Andy Mackey, Jaimee Holbrook, and Amanda McIlwain accompany a jailed and costumed eagle (Todd Wilton) along the parade route.

No Bad Apples in the Musical Trio



The Apple Tree, the 1993 spring musical, provided the audiences with several shorter plays, rather than one of full length.

The first play was an adaptation of Mark Twain's "Adam and Eve Diaries," with Miriam Hansen as Eve, Dave Lintner as Adam and Kent Salyer as the snake. Next came a retelling of the famous short story "The Lady or the Tiger." And finally there was a modernized Cinderella tale, wherein a dusty Jennie Conley was transformed into the glamorous Jill Smith.



Rock star turned nerd, J.J. Nagel peers around the couch in an attempt to find true love.

Jill Smith, popular new movie star *Appassionella*, is mobbed and heralded by fans.

Before turning into Appassionella, Jenny Conley shares a moment with her employer Paul McKim.





Dave "Adam" Lintner and Miriam "Eve" Hansen discuss the meaning of life and why Adam misnamed things.

Chimney sweeping broom in hand, Jenny Conley suffers before meeting her fairy godfather.



Miriam and Dave must create shelter after they have been sent out of the Garden of Eden.

Hal Norris becomes the tiger's victim, while Kent Sayler tells the tale.

In "The Lady or the Tiger" knight Ryan Brown begs for the answer to which door holds the lady.



SOPHOMORES WIN FUNFEST

It was a disappointing Fun Fest for the Seniors as the victory was stripped from them by school officials. Though they entered the Air Band Competition in the lead, a disqualification on the grounds of flagrant sexual overtones cast them into third place. Commenting on the senior's demise, Nathan Brown had this to say: "I was shocked and amazed that we got disqualified for our air band. Even the sophomores resorted to lewd behavior, but they ended up winning."

The Fun Fest ended up the year's spirit point competition. The Juniors wound up in last place with 10 points, the Seniors next with 15 points, the Freshman second with 22 points, and the Sophomores ran away with the victory with 25 points.

The sophomores fling their funky chicken. To the right, the seniors push Shannon McGraw's Ford Escort to victory.



Bill Hannon attempts to spike over Grady Smith.



At top, Curt Hannon prepares to shoot his chicken. Colt Webb climbs the rope for a win. Senior Class President Andy Gembala degrades himself in the Cool Whip eating competition.

Junior Senior Prom

a "Wonderful Tonight"

Freshmen Diane Jung and Rachel Waling sign in Alex Sitz, Natalee George, and Jason Cook.

Prom Queen Natalee George and King Keish Wing pose for a formal portrait.



Refreshments are served to Scott Jackson and Stacie Wilson by Kelly Barlow and Heather Hopp.

Ivan Steinke fixes Brad Dunlap's tie for a photo session.





A great deal of time and careful work is put into prom decorating as evidenced here by Tonya Allie, Courtney Reagan, Harold Stanley, and Craig Hurley.

Nathan Brown receives a last minute check before he and Tonya Allie get ready to dance.



Though it moved with a great deal of conversation, the line to get prom photos was a busy site in Halleck Hall.



Graduation '93

The Graduates celebrate their achievement with balloons, spray string, toilet paper, and party poppers.

The class of 1993 graduated Sunday, May 30, with hundreds of onlookers cheering on their loved ones and friends. The Friday before graduation the senior class received many awards and scholarships at their Awards Night Ceremony.

Mindy Suhr was honored as the valedictorian and David Gropper as the salutatorian. Mindy and Dave addressed their fellow classmates and the entire crowd describing what they learned and memories they had captured their four years at RCHS.

Three senior girls were selected from the entire class to read their senior themes. Jennifer Bean, Bobbi Sipkema, and Jill Smith interpreted the selected "Cheer's" theme "Making Your Way in the World Today." Jill Smith, upset about the new legislation not allowing prayer at graduation, protested with her own form of prayer. At the beginning of her senior theme presentation she faked a sneeze and half of the graduates stood up saying, "God Bless You."

The seniors also honored a former classmate, Shanon Willems, who was killed in an automobile accident her freshman year at RCHS, by wearing a blue carnation. (Shanon's favorite color was blue.)



The class of '93 exits the Awards Night Ceremony.



Valedictorian Mindy Subr and salutatorian David Groppe march to their seats after addressing the class of 1993.



Principal David Day begins his introductory remarks with fellow administrators and senior speakers behind him.



After receiving his diploma, Brad Koblbagen shakes Principal Day's hands.

Above that, the senior class waits for the graduation ceremony to begin.

People Section

Pedestrian Crossing





Spirit Warning was the sign to opponents of the Bombers during Homecoming week in October.

Brian Zacher enjoys the pampering of helmetted Nicki Hamer.

Seniors David Groppe, Andy Gembara, and Gabby Spence coach freshmen on the finer points of push ups.

At the Homecoming bonfire Steve Koebcke, Joel Mason, Alex Sitz, Julie Luck, Anne Jordan, Crystal Hall, Malia Hale, Steph Filson, Matt Kenny, Jason Cook, and others display the spirited good times before game day.



Displaying his artistic talents is Art Langoria.

Taking it easy was part of the plan for Eric Beavver, who is being pushed by Tyler Padgett on Spirit Day.



Concentration is the way Julie Eisele and Julie Hensley work on a government project.

Andy Gembala and David Grappe count Channel One votes in the presidential poll.



It's a race to the finish in the first and last heat of seniors (Misty Falkenburg, Malia Hale, and Bobbi Sipkema) in wheelchairs.

Research for private reading books makes Kim DeWees and Julie Dene happy.



Ideas come from stealing other's ideas, as Courtney Stewart and Jenny Conley exhibit while working on the Rensselaerians.

"There's a bug in this carpet," says Matt Kenny, who is on the floor for a weak back (he's had it that long too).

SENIORS

Seniors travel down the road to success!

The class of 1993 made a long journey on the road to success. They encountered many obstacles but made it to their final destination as seniors at Rensselaer Central High School.

The seniors were lead car in the race to the finish line, graduation. All lights were green and they were eager to guide underclassmen through heavy road construction ahead.

As they traveled toward graduation day, they saw their senior year highlighted with pit stops at many special events. First stop was the week long homecoming events in October including "Spirit Day." Here the seniors enslaved helpless freshmen for one day of fun filled humiliation. Homecoming Queen '92, Carla Sizemore, was crowned at the Friday evening football game where the Bombers defeated Lake Station by a considerable margin.

The second stop was the Sunshine dance honorably entitled "A Royal Night in Camelot." The night was filled with magical memories for everyone who attended.

The seniors came to a crashing halt as the first semester ended

and finals started. But after the tests were over they got to a rest area, Christmas break.

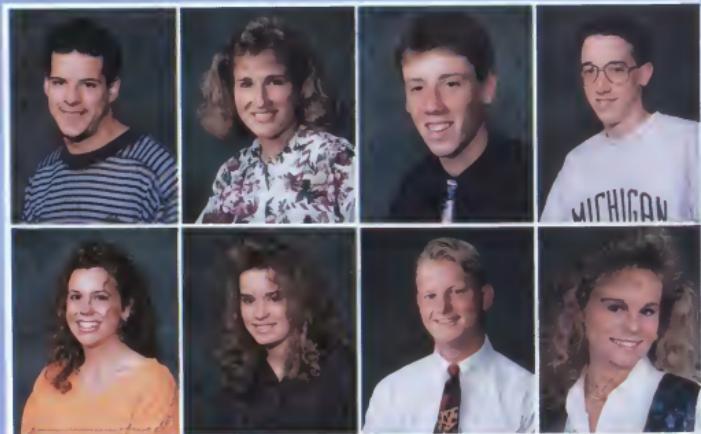
March brought spring break and many students made trips to Florida and other interesting places.

The second to last stop on their journey was Prom '93. This highlight dance of the year was enchanting. Wearing beautiful dresses or classy tuxedo, the seniors showed off their glamour and charm, whether dining in fancy restaurants or taking their last dances as students at RCHS.

Finally, the seniors of RCHS came to their last stop at graduation day. One by one they stepped onto the platform to accept their diplomas and said a fond farewell to Rensselaer Central High. The day was filled with joy and tears as the class of '93 said goodbye to the people with whom they had spent their school years, and some of whom they would never see again as they went their separate ways.

And so they ended their journey and traveled off in different directions, leaving only their memories at RCHS.

Doug Aichner
Heather Amsler
Michael Anderson
Matthew Barlow



Kim Barton
Jennifer Bean
Eric Beaver
Missy Beaver



*Nathan Brown
Mick Brownfield
Edwin Cain
John Chapman*



*Michael Chapman
Daniel Cole
Jennifer Conley
Jason Cook*



*Becky (Craig) Clapp
Sheri Craig
Carla Curnutt
Stacey Daniels*



*Melissa Davis
Christy Davission
Julie Deno
Deana (DeWees)
Rule*



*Kim DeWees
Avery Douglas
Brad Dunlap
Julie Eisele*

Class of '93 Senior Hall Fame



From left, Toby Jordan flirtaciously kisses Best Dressed and Best Looking Carla Sizemore while Keith Wing looks on. Courtney Stewart prepares a rhapsody with Omar Villareal strumming his guitar. Anne Kanne begins to wash co-winner Eric Beaver's hair. John Chapman brightens Stacey Daniels' eyes with a touch of mascara.

To the right, between classes Mick Brownfield and Julie Deno are the first to spread Rensselaer High's gossip around the town.



*Jason Elijah
Mary Evans
Misty Falkenburg
Stephanie Filson*



*Brandon Frazee
Michael Garcia
Greg Geesa
Andy Gembala*



*Natalee George
David Groppe
Teressa Gutwein
Malia Hale*



*David Hamer
Jared Hancock
Curt Hannon
Mariam Hansen*



*Shaden Haskell
Julie Hensley
Jeff Hitchings
Ryan Hooker*





*Stephan Howard
Mary Hull
Wade Johnson
Eric Justice*



*Anne Kanne
Matt Kenny
Greg Kinnaird
Jeremy Klinkhamer*



*Steve Koebcke
Brad Kohlhagen
Paul Kyle
Jeremy Leichty*



*Craig Lewis
Julie Luck
Colleen Mathews
Jolie McCollum*



*Patty Nagel
Harald Norris
Chris Northcutt
Jamie Overton*

Seniors sporting their best sides.



Natalee George and Mick Brownfield cheer on competitors, Colt Webb and Denae Schultz.



Denise Schultz flashes her pearly whites beside Misty Falkenburg coquettishly laying a wet one on the plump cheek of best smile co-winner, Cory Groom.

Andy Gembara flinches in horror while Malia Hale grabs a funny handful.



Grady Smith and Teressa Gutwein secure their honor roll positions by treating their teachers to a mid-afternoon coffee.



*Jason Overton
Greg Parker
Andrea Peart
Chad Phegley*



*Chris Prather
Mark Rayburn
Heather Scherb
Amy Sigman*



*Carolanne Sipkema
Roberta Sipkema
Alex Sitz
Carla Sizemore*



*Grady Smith
Jill Smith
Jason Spangle
Gabby Spence*



*Marna Spicer
Heather Stalbaum
Courtney Stewart
Darrin Stone*





*Jason Stowers
Mindy Suhr
Angie Tiede
Heather Ulm*



*Eric VanMeter
Sarah Waples
Colt Webb
Eric Whitlow*



*Tim Widner
Keith Wing
Brian Zacher*



Waving just before they depart for the state finals, Erin McGraw, Shannon McGraw, Leslie Kaye, Mr. Rich Stefanich, Mindy Subr, and Anne Kanne, flash confident smiles.

Taking a breather after cooking for the faculty, Sunshine members Miriam Hansen, Angie Dill, Ashley Schreag, Casey Tillett, Amanda McIlwain, and Leslie Kaye pose for a yearbook shot in front of Mr. John Potter and Mr. Jim Earnest.



*Carla Sizemore, 1992
Homecoming Queen*



David Groppe and Gabby Spence verify their originality.



Art Longoria perfects his painting while Carla Sizemore lends her artistic advice.



Freshman Ryan Wing receives a little help from senior friends David Groppe and Steph Filson.

A good attitude helps the successes of Brad Kohlhagen, Mindy Suhr, and Miriam Hansen, who are all reading a printout.

RENSSELAER



Senior Hall of Fame

Most Humorous

Andy Gembla
Malia Hale

Most Athletic

Colt Webb
David Groppe

Most Musical

Oscar Vilasai

Most Likely to Succeed

Courtney Stewart
Brad Kohlhagen

Best Hair

Mindy Suhr
Eric Beever

Teacher's Pet

Jeanne Kline
Grady Smith

Most Spurned

Teresa Guwein
Mick Brownfield

Most Artistic

Natalie Hough
Air Longone

Most Friendly

Carla Szemore
David Groppe

Best Looking

Steph Filson
Ryan Wing

Best Eyes

Carla Szemore
John Chapman

Best Dressed

Stacey Daniels
Keith Wang

Most Original

Carla Szemore
David Groppe

Bigger Butt

Gabby Spence
Toby Jordan

Most Talkative

Mary Falkenberg
Mick Brownfield

Best Attitude

Julie Deso
Brad Kohlhagen

Best Smile

Mindu Hansen
Cecily Groppe

Denee Schultz

People come in all colors...

After a grueling, tiring play, Grady Smith and Jerry Chernowsky take a break on the bench, while Scott Gilbert gives them advice.

You can't make a toilet bowl, but you can make one float, as Eric Van Meter, Curt Hannon, Steve Koeckle, Toby Jordan and Jason Cook prove, while operating from their command throne. Freshmen Kerry Mathew and Amy Brown look on.



Working a magic trick requires skill, practice, and a willing foil, as evidenced when Ryan Hooker, Harold Stanley and Chad Healy perform in speech class over Toby Jordan.

Bomber fish out of water ride their swim team float: from left, Heather Stalbaum, Gabby Spence, Sheila Souza, Craig Lewis, Kelly Smith, Melissa Dunlap, Bill Fish, Casey Tillett, and Debbie Kibbe.



The Bomber percussion section (Mike Kasky, Chad Cummings, and Jim Grasner) keeps the Brigade on beat during a halftime performance.

Overly spirited Ron Morrison responds to his senior Dave Gropp's wisecracks, while Cristin Carter, Abby Zimmer, Heather Stalbaum, Heather Scherb, Malia Hale, Gropp, Mindy Suber, Marna Spicer and Joel Mason look on in English class.



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black
and
white too*

Spirit Day was a tiring experience for the freshman class, but Kandi Shuey, Michelle Tilloot, Lisa Kendall, and Amanda Garcia still have the concentration to appreciate the end of the day student rally.

After moving through a tunnel of proud students, girls golf team members Anne Kanne, Erin McGraw, Leslie Kaye, and Mindy Suber prepare to board the van to the state finals.



Juniors race down the highway to the future

The junior class of 1994 was only a short distance away from becoming seniors at RCHS. The 1992-93 school year was filled with difficulty and excitement. The assorted fundraisers (beaded necklace sales and fruit sales, for example) were challenging experiences, because the class needed to increase the funds in their precariously low treasury. Nonetheless, the juniors were positive about the future.

Angie Dill said of her class, "I like our class. As our high school years have passed, we have separated from our cliques that we clung to in middle school. Personally, I feel we are becoming closer as our senior year approaches."

Peter Schenk commented, "This class

likes to have fun. The people can turn a boring situation around."

When Jake Risner was questioned about the class, he said, "We have great leaders; the people in our class want to get things done."

Whether or not the 1994 was able to accomplish its goals would lie in the class's ability to stick together and create a foundation for finding the best way to become a class act at RCHS.

Altogether the juniors had pride in their class and were happy to be a part of those who will graduate the next year. However, the students were more than ready to face the challenges in the future.



Dan Allie
Tanya Allie
Everardo Alvarado
Chad Anderson
Kevin Armold
Berry Baker



Derrick Barron
Chip Black
Ryan Brown
Jennifer Brunton
Regina Buczek
Jason Buffkin



Valerie Burdick
Melanie Callahan
Joel Canine
Lavon Chadwick
David Coley
Brandee Cook



Regina Buzcek takes time off of her tedious studies to enjoy her book.



Getting up early to feed the teachers during spirit week was no problem for Sunshine members Courtney Roberts, Angie Dill, and Anne Jordan, who are scrambling eggs for breakfast.



Greg Comer
Jason Courtney
Jeremy Crews
Bobbie Cross
Matt Denham
Angie Dill

Brandi Dobson
Heather Donnelly
Kristi Donnelly
Patrick Donnelly
Amanda Douglas
Mike Ekstrom

Keely Eshleman
Jason Fellmy
Susan Flatt
Shannon Funes
Missy Garcia
Brian Gastineau

Jason Gilbert
Scotty Gilbert
Cryseal Hall
Kevin Hammond
Lisa Harden
Tom Hayes



Chad Healey
Matthew Hopkins
Norman Howell
Angie Hoyes
Craig Hurley
Miki Ikenaka



Scott Jackson
Anne Jordan
Kate Kanne
Michael Kasky
Leslie Kaye
David Kellner



Heather Kellner
Heidi Kellner
Jon Kendall
Debra Kibbe
Tyann Kiger
Sarah Kingman



Amy Kinnaird
Colleen Knouff
Kyle Lanoue
Donna Latta
Debra Lintner
Jennifer Luecke



Mike Maienbrook
Wesley Mallett
Stacy Manns
Valerie Marlatt
Nathan Mathew
Sean McKim



Ryan Meunier
Par Miller
Toni Miller
Adam Nagel
Ken Oliver
Jay Prouty





Kara Putt
Heather Rafferty
Dan Randolph
Courtney Reagan
Mike Ringen
Cindy Risner



Jake Risner
Courtney Roberts
Steve Rudd
Peter Schenk
Ashley Schreag
Dean Sheffler



Chad Smart
Craig Smart
Tony Spararo
Mike Spencer
Jody Stalhandske
Harold Stanley



Liz Steiner
Ivan Steinke
Lizz Stoddard
Molly Stowers
Lisa Suhr
Kim Tilloes



Aaron Teske
Chad Todd
John Tryon
Tracy Vaughn
Heaven Wagner
Courtney Waling



Brad Whitecotton
Maurie Williams
Jamie Wilmington



Brett Wireman
Christa Worley

Exchanging views on "the meaning of life" occupies much of time for Jake Risner, Courtney Roberts, and Liz Steiner during discussion hour in American studies.

Sophs merge into the fast lane

As the good times and the bad flew by, the sophomore class was avoiding detours on what should be the straight and narrow path to become the graduating class of 1995. The class seemed to enjoy making marks as sophomores at Rensselaer Central High School.

Colleen Newman said, "It's better than our freshman year because you know more about the school and you aren't as scared." Many students concurred.

In anticipation for the Junior-Senior Prom, the class sold suckers to help pay for their upcoming expenses. They didn't want to wait until their junior year and realize that they were financially stuck (as some more current classes found themselves), so they got a jump start on increasing their treasury. It was with this confidence that they could look forward to their junior year and become upper classmen.

Rachel Hansen takes advantage of her time in study hall to complete her daily assignments.



Shawn Allen
Matt Ansloover
Chad Bacewic
Amber Bailey
Pat Bailey
Ryan Baker



Rebecca Balvich
Carrie Brooks
Jobina Buczek
Dusty Cawby
Andrew Chambers
Dale Chapman



Jim Chapman
Reisha Chernowsky
Bradley Cook
Valerie Crews
Anthony DeBoard
Eric DeHaan



...and it's down hill all the way

Mrs. Swartzell lectures the new course entitled world civilization as the sophomore students (front row including Amber Bailey, Rebecca Baltich, Carrie Brooks, and Jobina Buczek) listen and take notes attentively.



Brian DeMoss
Jennifer Diehl
Sharon Dowdy
Jackie Dunbar
Travis Duncan
David Fenton



Bill Fish
Scott Floyd
Jason Freeman
Kristy Frieda
Eric George
Chris Gormey



Jim Gratner
Ryan Hall
Rachel Hansen
Robert Hoeferlin
Jaimee Holbrook
Rod Huff

Allen Ivey
Nicole Johnson
Shawna Jordan
John Joseph
Jeremy Killgo
Raquel Killmer



Kerry Kingman
Chandra Kleist
Wendy Koebcke
Ryan Kohlhagen
Jeff Lakin
Jeremy Lane



John Lane
Jason Lewis
Amy Mackey
Andy Mackey
Brenda Manna
Mike Marin



Marisa Maxwell
Erin McGraw
Amanda McIlwain
Paul McKim
Kristi Miller
Troy Miller



Kevin Moore
Aaron Nagel
Nathan Napier
Colleen Newman
Jason Nowlin
Rob Nussbaum



Josh Ojeda
Charles Parrish
Alex Pellegrino
Jimmy Pellegrino
Allen Pierson
Lisa Porter



Mike Quarry
Tracey Randolph
Jane Risner
Jody Robinson
Jeff Rodibaugh
Juan Rodriguez





Steven Rose
Donnie Sellers
Larry Seyfried
Michelle Sheffer
Tonya Siegrist
Kurt Sinks



Brian Sitz
Mark Slaughter
Gavin Smith
Kelly Smith
Lori Smith
David Snyder



Sheila Souza
Larissa Spicer
Jennifer Starnes
Sara Steffen
Stephanie Stone
Angie Studer



Charity Tiede
Casey Tillett
Neil Toosley
Frank Tycheck
Barbara VanSessen
Cecilia Villarreal



Jeff Walter
Clay Webb
Ryan Westfall
Jeff Whitaker
Dan White
Amanda Whitecotton



Carlos Wicker
Dusty Williams
Todd Wilson
Tabitha Wireman
Shane Wood
James Woodke



Holly Woudema
Ken Yates
Kendra Zacher
Tom Zickmund
Ava Zimmer

Chris Allen
Darrin Alson
Jason Arnett
Bob Bacewic
Adam Bacon
David Bailey



Nathan Bailey
Kellie Barlow
Ursula Beaver
Kevin Black
Katie Blue
Aaron Brenneman



Jason Brock
Christian Brooks
Adam Brown
Amy Brown
Roger Burns
Brad Burvan



Moving on to a Different Point of View

Paving their way on the road to their future, the freshman class was met with straightaways and many turns. Despite the challenges of high school life, they achieved a very rewarding year.

The freshmen were greeted with the warm Bomber tradition called "Senior Pride Day." When a few freshmen were asked what they thought about this event their responses were all about the same. Nikki Kerns commented, "It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be."

Andrew Eisele replied, "I thought it was fun, but I wish that we didn't have to go to our classes."

Another event which took the class of '96 down the road of challenge a little farther was their magazine fund raiser:

Melissa Dunlap was the top sales person selling over \$400 worth of magazines. This event marked the start of their class funds.

When asked about the freshman year in general, the answers differed little. Brian Post responded, "I think that high school has more freedom than middle school."

Nikki Kerns replied, "High school was a lot easier than I expected it to be."

Even though the road of life will eventually branch off in different directions for most of them, they will all have a common place from which they may look back, and that was a fun-filled and successful freshmen year.

"Being in high school gives you a lot more freedom and makes you feel grown up."



Sean Cannon



Joshua Canaday
Brandon Carroll
Cristin Carter
Ben Chapman
Joe Chapman
Scott Cochran



Maria Cox
Melissa Crews
Chad Cummings
David Curin
Elizabeth Daniels
Traci Davis



Kevin DeMoss
William Del Principe
Shawn Doege
Bruce Dresher
Matthew Dumas
Melissa Dunlap



Andrew Eisele
Michael Faris
David Fish
Allison Franz
Amanda Garcia
Nathan Gastineau



Missy Geesa
Torn Geren
Shane Gish
Scott Graf
Stephen Hale
John Hamer



Singing the school song comes with the territory of being a spirited Bomber, as these freshmen (Matt Dumas, TJ Todd, Derek Van Dyke, Adam Bacon, and Sam Streitmatter) find out.

Nicole Hamer
Carra Hannon
William Hannon

Joe Hayes
Kelly Healey
Bona Hensler
Brandy Hitchings
Rebert Hoffeth
Heather Hopp



Jason Hornbeck
Jeff Hoyes
Bryon Huff
Jamie Jarrette
Matt Jeffries
Cathy Jordan



Kimberly Joseph
Diane Jung
Aaron Kellner
Lisa Kendall
Nicole Kerns
Jennifer Kinnaiad



Karen Kleinkort
Chad Koebke
Kent Korniak
Pam Kyle
Scoot Lakin
Rebecca Lane



Matthew Leichty
Shannon Marlatt
Mary Marlin
Kerry Mathew
Michelle Millar
Jaclyn Miller



Toby Minter
Ryann Montgomery
Jason Moore
Ronald Morrison
JJ Nagel
Matt Nagel



Zachary Nagel
Michael Nichols
Tyler Padgett
Billy Parker
Shane Pinkerman
Dan Pitstick





Chris Plant
Brian Post
Randy Potts
Christina Prohosky
Jennifer Pullins
Amy Raff



Amber Reff
Ed Regen
Abanna Riley
Breinne Risner
Carolyn Ritter
Nathan Rule



Kenton Sayler
Justin Scheidin
Kevin Schrum
Chad Schultz
Martha Sellers
Kandi Shuey



Abby Siegrist
Lisa Sinar
Grandon Spence
Amy Stoen
Sam Streitmatter
Jeff Sult



Wesley Tillett
Michelle Tillotta
TJ Todd
Amy Tycek
Derek Van Dyke
Justin Van Wienen



Vincent Von Tobel
Elaine Waling
Misty Walker
Willie Wallace
Garrett Weston
Shane Whitsaker



Corey Wilson
Stacie Wilson
Ryan Wing
Chad Wiseman
Abbey Zimmer

Faculty yields to students

As the 1992 school year started there were many warm smiles from the faculty. These mentors were at every corner to help the lost students find their way around the halls of RCHS. Every year the faculty and staff bring smiles to the faces of the Rensselaer students, while yielding to the needs of classroom and extracurricular activities. When there is a need, both the students and the professional staff work together on projects ranging from the fall sports season to trips for the Spell Bowl.

When asked about the high school, new teacher Mrs. Henady responded, "R.C.H.S. is a fantastic school. There are many great things and wonderful opportunities for students to achieve the goals students have set for themselves."

After a hard day of instruction, Tom Peters, John Potter, Curt Mingear, and Roger Beebler discuss teaching strategies for the next school day.



Betty Barton
John Baumann
Mary Lou Baumann
Judy Bechler
Roger Bechler
Jan Benner



Shirley Bretzinger
Betty Briggs
Joe Burvan
Judy Burvan
Terry Butler
Lisa Davenport



David Day
Jim Ernest
Pat Franz
Robert Hainje
Doris Hammersley
Dori Hancock





Jill Henady
Melinda Johnson
Maureen Jungblut
Dan Kellow
Lynn Kiger
Cindy Kimmel



Janett Kingman
Jerry McKim
Douglas McKinley
Nancy Messman
Arthur Middleton
Glenn Northern



Luetta Nussbaum
Tom Peters
John Potter
Cris Risner
Tom Ryan
Marian Sheffer



Troy Sheridan
Alice Smith
Steve Snyder
Rich Stefanich
Jane Swartzell
Alice Tomlinson



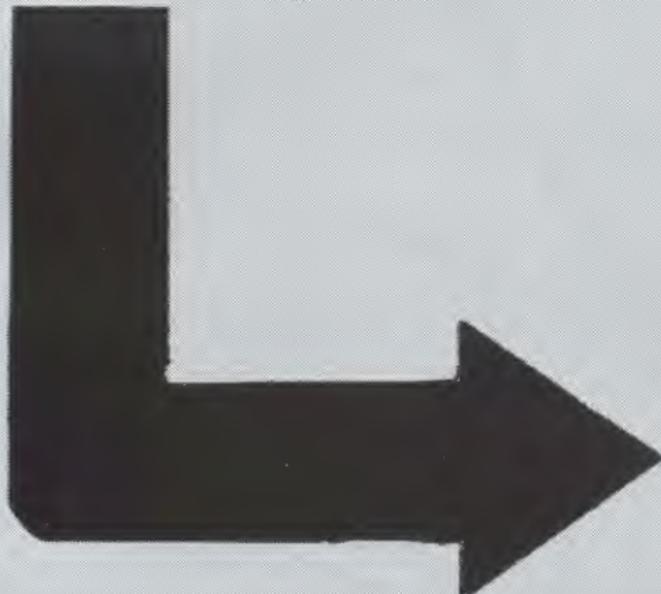
Ron Wamsley
Kathy Ward
Clay Whaley
Bill Zimmer



The 1992-93 Rensselaer Central School Board includes (from left) Gene Subr, Wally Latord, Mary Wilkerson, Wayne Klinkhamer, Thomas Moore, Dan Alton, and Bonnie Louck.

Homecoming parade Grand Marshall, Roger Bebbler, poses with his wife Judy before attending the bon fire ceremony.

Sports
Next
Right





Downward and through the hoop is the direction for Ryan Hooker's slamfest.

GOLFERS TAKE REGIONAL

GIRLS PLACE 7TH AT STATE

Success was their destination and the journey a long one, but the girls golf team stayed the course and put Rensselaer on the map by going all the way to the state finals. The girls' post season play started with a less than impressive second place finish at the Valpo sectional. The second place finish was enough to qualify the Lady Bombers for regional action. The girls won the very competitive Valparaiso regional, with a group that Mr. Stefanich described as "the most even team I ever had." The eight girls all averaged between 45 and 52.

During the regular season the team posted a very formidable dual meet record of ten wins and zero losses. The golfers faired well in several invitationals, winning the McCutcheon and Rensselaer meets. The team never finished lower than fifth in any of their invitationals.

Taking honors at the banquet were Mindy Suhr as most improved varsity golfer, Jaime Holbrook most improved j.v. golfer and Leslie Kaye most valuable golfer.



Senior Anne Kanne, an integral member of the team, takes a back at the ball.

"The most even team I ever had."
-Coach Stefanich



*The 1992 Girls Golf Team:
front row from left are Jane Risner, Leslie Kaye, Jaime Holbrook, and Erin McGraw; and back row from left are Mindy Suhr, Anne Kanne, Shannon McGraw, Misty Beaver, and coach Rich Stefanich.*

Leslie Kaye puts on the last hole of the front nine at Carters Creek.

SCOREBOARD

*Dual Meet Record 10 wins no losses
Rensselaer Invitational 1st of 16
McCutcheon Invitational 1st of 14
Jeff Invitational 4th of 18
Culver Invitational 3rd of 16
La Porte Invitational 5th of 20
Sectional 2nd of 11
Regional Champions!
Semistate 8th of 15*

Girls Golf 7th at STATE!



Mindy Subr puts for par.



The girls practice on the range with a lot of balls.



Summer Play Equals Success

IHSAA rules do prohibit a coach from conducting formal practices during the off season, but that didn't keep the girls from improving their game over the summer.

All the girls participated in Indiana Junior Tour tournaments, held at various golf courses around the state. The girls competed against other girls in their age group. Shannon McGraw said that while the "tournaments did take up a lot of time, they were a lot of fun and a good experience."

The girls also had an opportunity to improve their game by going to sessions held by Golf Pro Dale Anderson. Mr. Anderson, at the request of Mr. Stefanich, made himself available in the mornings for assisting the girls.

The girls were not just lucky to go to the state meet. It took a lot of hard work and dedication, which paid off when the final results included another trip to the finals.

Jane Riner makes a fine chip over the sand on the ninth green.

Varsity Football Rushes Through An Outstanding Season

The mighty Rensselaer Bomber football team had a spectacular season. They started by winning the Northwest Hoosier Conference with relative ease. Secondly, they accomplished taking the sectional title by beating the LaVille Lancers. Only a heartbreaker to Fort Wayne Luers brought the season to a halt.

The gridders succeeded because of outstanding senior leadership, including team captains Grady Smith, Colt Webb, Brian Zacker, and Alex Sitz. The 1992 season was also the debut for head coach Steve Snyder and the return of assistant coach Joe Burvan. With this basis, the future of Bomber football should be one of strong competition in the conference.



Varsity

RCHS 21	.....	Lowell 20
RCHS 34	.....	North Newton 7
RCHS 21	.....	North Judson 14
RCHS 20	.....	Kankakee Valley 0
RCHS 43	.....	Lake Station 20
RCHS 21	.....	River Forest 7
RCHS 38	.....	Central Catholic 16
RCHS 0	.....	Twin Lakes 16
RCHS 13	.....	North Judson 6
RCHS 14	.....	River Forest 0
RCHS 28	.....	LaVille 19
RCHS 7	.....	Bishop Luers 42

"It was an enjoyable and outstanding season. The senior class did a super job in leading this team to a great season." -Coach Snyder.

Quarterback Scott Gilbert gets for the snap while Nathan Mathew and Pat Miller await.



The Bomber defense throws the Lake Station ball carrier for a loss.

The Bombers had a new look, a new coach, and a new attitude toward the game of football. The results included winning the NWHC and dominating sectional play, as well as beating rivals Kankakee Valley and bringing the Cracker Barrel to Rensselaer.



Steve Koebke lines up at the wide receiver position, ready to run his pattern.

Defense was the key for RCHS: a host of Bombers deny their opponent any yardage.



REGIONAL

To show the varsity team's pride in their season, two of the team's players, sophomore Brian Sitz and junior Chad Smart, had a few words to say. Reminiscing about the joy of victory, Brian said, "My highlight of the season was winning the Cracker Barrel and the Northwest Hoosier Conference. I also enjoyed dominating sectional play."

Chad explained how the team was able to fight all the way to the Fort Wayne regional when he said, "We had all the cylinders firing; that's why we made it as far as we did."

A Strong JV Team Starts Thinking About Tomorrow

Aspiring to join the varsity team must have been in the minds of the junior varsity and freshman football teams. The junior varsity squad was involved in a year of celebration, because in the shadow of the varsity team's victorious season, the junior varsity Bomber team went undefeated. The even season of the freshmen team showed that their move up in the gridiron ranks should include improvement.

The Freshman team (from left to right): Jeff Hoyet, Nathan Bailey, Nathan Gastineau, Wes Tillet, Kevin DeMoss, Sean Cannon, and Bruce Drescher; (second row) managers Bona Hensler and Bill Parker, Kent Snyler, Darrin Alison, Ken Kornialis, Mike Niccoli, Brad Barvan, Jason Arnett, and Toby Minter; and (back Row) Coach Marchand, Cory Wilson, Justin Scheidlin, Shane Pinkerman, Kerry Matheut, Bryan Huff, Jason Moore, Chad Wiesman, Chad Koebke, and Coach Brandenburg.



"It was a very enjoyable season to work with these young men . . . We (the coaching staff) are extremely proud." Coach Snyder



The Twin Lakes ball carrier is destroyed by a host of Bombers as Darrin Alison waits in his defensive position.



A ball carrier for Twin Lakes gets nowhere when the freshmen break into action.

On top of the fire truck the freshman football team celebrates en route to the bonfire and the pending victory over Lake Station.



The junior varsity was eager to verbalize how they felt about their outstanding undefeated season. Some of the J.V. team member comments about their starting season came from Chuck Parish (sophomore) who said, "When we realized how good a team we could be, we dominated. That's what helped us have an undefeated season."

The 6-0 team was out for blood in 1992 as exemplified when they tangled with rival school Kankakee Valley. Jim Pelligrino added, "The highlight of my season was destroying the Cougars of Kankakee Valley. It's really fulfilling to have a season like we did." Based on past records, the future Bomber football teams have the potential to continue on their winning ways.

*Junior Varsity
Undefeated*

6-0
25-6
18-8
26-0
15-12
18-13

RCHS 0
RCHS 6
RCHS 16
RCHS 26
RCHS 14
RCHS 14

Freshmen

Kankakee Valley
Winamac
North Judson
Carroll
Twin Lakes
Delphi

Logansport 6
Benton Central 13
Kankakee Valley 18
North Judson 0
Twin Lakes 6
Rochester 8

GIRLS SWIM IN THE FAST LANE

RCHS TAKES N.W.H.C.

The girls' swim team finished with a 9-6 record, surprisingly well considering the competition they faced from larger schools and the loss of five seniors from last year's squad. The girls also scored a Northwest Hoosier Conference championship, continuing their tradition of victory in the conference's three-year history. The Lady Bombers finished fourth in their sectional, overpowering such giants as Lowell and Kankakee Valley.

The team's Most Valuable Swimmer award went to Amanda McIlwain. The other four top swimmers were Sara Steffen, Courtney Roberts, Melanie Callahan, and Casey Tillett. The Most Improved award went to Kate Kanne, and the Best Mental Attitude award was given to Casey Tillett.

"The team spirit was exceptionally strong. We've come a long way, baby." - Kate Kanne

Melissa Dunlap and Amanda McIlwain in midstart at a three-way meet with Harrison and McCutcheon.



Malia Hale gets off to a good start in the 50 yard freestyle.



RCHS 113	Seeger 67
RCHS 111	Kankakee Valley 65
RCHS 146	North Judson 23
RCHS 125	Pioneer 51
RCHS 73	Lafayette Jefferson 107
RCHS	West Lafayette & Central Catholic
RCHS 113	Benton Central 63
RCHS	North Newton
RCHS 155	Harrison 87 & McCutcheon
RCHS 60	Munster 125
RCHS 77	Twin Lakes 108
RCHS 101	Lowell 82
RCHS 108	South Newton 74
RCHS 70	Portage 112



Members of the girls' swim team: (back, from left) Coach Dan Kellow, Jackie Müller, Melanie Callahan, Ava Zimmer, Courtney Roberts, Sara Steffen, Kate Kanne, and Sheila Souza; and (front) Abby Zimmer, Kelly Smith, Casey Tillett, Melissa Dunlap, and Amanda McIlwain. Not shown: Malia Hale, Gabby Spence, Heather Stalbaum, Debra Kibbe.



Heather Stalbaum successfully executes a back dive.

Amanda McIlwain sprints toward a turn in the 200 individual medley.



When asked about their season, the ladies all gave a positive response. Ava Zimmer shared, "We had a strong team, but it will be a lot better next year. We only had three seniors."

Kate Kanne echoed the sentiment, "I was really impressed with how well the season finished. We all did very well. The team spirit was exceptionally strong. We've come a long way, baby."

When asked to give his summation, Coach Kellow explained, "I was very pleased with how the season ended. All the girls improved a lot, and at sectional time there were many pleasant surprises." Mr. Kellow also agreed with Ava that the 1993 team should be a strong one.

Abby Zimmer swims the breaststroke in a conference meet.



Volleyball Team Nets Fine Season

young lady Bombers do well

The Lady Bomber volleyball team did well in the 1992 season despite the fact that it was very young. The team, who won ten games this season while losing sixteen, was led by only two seniors, Julie Luck and Denae Schultz. The younger members included five juniors and two sophomores thus indicating that the Lady Bombers will have plenty of experience and should be able to do well next season.

Julie Luck proved to be the senior leader on the team. She was the team leader in sets with 608 in 622 attempts, and 133 of those sets went for spikes or kills. Julie also led the team in hitting. She was also voted team captain and the team's Most Valuable Player. Julie made the All-Area team and was voted to the All-Conference squad.

Other award winners were Courtney Reagan for Best Mental Attitude; Maurie Williams picked up the Most Improved Player award; Becky Balvich won the serving award by being good on 144 out of 150 serves with 15 aces; and Donna Latta was voted honorable mention All-Conference.

The Lady Bombers were disappointed by a loss in their first game of the sectional to the North Newton Spartans, but with the experienced gained, 1993 should be different for the Lady Bombers.



Members of the varsity volleyball team include (front row, left to right) Rebecca Balvich, Maurie Williams, Elizabeth Steiner, Courtney Reagan, and Wendy Koebke; and (back row) Donna Latta, Jennifer Luecke, Julie Luck, and Denae Schultz. Not pictured Jackie Dunbar.

With helpless defenders watching, junior Donna Latta spikes the ball as Jenny Luecke, Maurie Williams and Julie Luck move into position.



*"We had a young team without a lot of height, but we did very well considering the schedule we played,"
Donna Latta.*

SCOREBOARD	
SERVES	
1036 good/1144 attempts	146 aces
BLOCKS	
56	
SPIKES	
840 good/1068 attempts	283 kills
SETS	
1179 good/1214 attempts	
256 for spikes or kills	





Getting the ball to the right place is crucial to a winning point, as Wendy Koecke demonstrates with her ace serve.

The junior varsity Lady Bomber volleyball team (from left to right): Heather Rafferty, Misy Gesta, Marissa Maxwell, Kelly Healy, Colleen Newman, Mary Martin, Nikole Johnson, Jennifer Pulkins, Breinne Risner, Amy Brown, and Nicole Hamer.



Avoiding a net violation while attempting a block, Jackie Dunbar heads skyward against a McCutcheon spiker.

Cross Country Team Travels by Foot.



From the left, Angie Hoyer, Tanya Allie, Angie Tiede, and Ursula Beaver spend their free time jogging after school.

The boys cross country team finished their season with ten victories and only one loss. After placing second at the conference meet, the cross country team went on to the sectionals where they took third. Leading the team at regional were Craig Hurley and Donnie Sellers, where the team received sixth place.

Despite their no wins during the season, the girls unit, lead by Tanya Allie, travelled to their sectional where they took fifth place. Because of injuries, the team was unable to attend regionals.



The RCHS cross country team front row from left are Angie Hoyes, Ursula Beaver, Angie Tiede, and Heather Ulm. In the middle row is Brandon Frazee, Greg Geeta, J.J. Nagel, Gavin Smith, and Adam Bacon. In the back row are coach Bill Zimmer, Kerry Kingman, Craig Hurley, Dan Pittick and Donnie Sellers. Not pictured are Misty Falkenburg and Tanya Allie.



Craig Harley jogs down the path to another first place victory.



Tanya Allie keeps up her winning pace during a home meet.



Distance man Rob Frazee follows close behind teammate Donnie Sellers.

Boys 10-1

RCHS 23	.....	Hanover Central 32
RCHS 17	.....	West Central 42
RCHS 36	.....	Pioneer 72
RCHS 30	.....	Benton Central 26
RCHS 20	.....	Lowell 63
RCHS 28	.....	Twin Lakes 39
RCHS 20	.....	North Newton 52
RCHS 28	.....	Tri-County 35
RCHS 28	.....	South Newton 82
RCHS 28	.....	Winamac 40
RCHS 28	.....	North Judson 60

Girls 0-2

RCHS 43	.....	Benton Central 16
RCHS 45	.....	Winamac 18

Bombers Are Sectional Contenders

With six lettermen returning to the varsity basketball team, expectations for the 92-93 season were sky high. Nobody can say for sure why the team didn't have a better record or win sectional; the pundits of high school sports in Rensselaer can only shake their heads in disbelief.

With an overall record of 14-7 there were very few highlights during the regular season. One highlight of the regular season was the home victory over Kankakee Valley. The loss to South Newton during the mid season classic was quite depressing for the Bomber fans.

The team battled back from this emotional low and by the time sectional rolled around were playing their best ball. In exciting sectional action Rensselaer defeated Delphi and Frontier. In a furious championship game the Bomber varsity lost to Tri-County. If there wasn't a tremendous rivalry with the Cavaliers before this game there certainly may be one in the future.

Taking honors at the awards banquet were Ryan Hooker with most rebounds, best free throw percentage, and most points; Chris Prather most assists, and highest GPA; Corey Groom favorite player award; and Eric Van Meter most improved player.

With little resistance from the North Newton defense, Colt Webb takes the ball home.



Corey Groom makes a nice dish to Ryan Hooker.

In an attempt to throw off River Forest's defense, Matt Kenny leaps for two.



*"It was like
a roller coaster
ride!"
— Coach Doud*



SCOREBOARD

Twin Lakes	W
Tri-County	L
North White	W
Hebron	W
South Newton	W
Frontier	W
West Central	W
Pioneer	W
North Judson	L
Benton Central	L
North Newton	W
Lowell	L
Kankakee Valley	W
River Forest	W
Central Catholic	L
Lake Station	W
West Lafayette	W
Harrison	L



The 1993 varsity boys basketball team: (back row, from left) Coach Steve Doud, Corey Groom, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Ivan Steinke, Ryan Hooker, Eric Van Meter, Colt Webb, Scott Gilbrett, Jason Fellmy, Jake Risner, Matt Kenny, Chris Prather, Keith Wing, and Coach Troy Sheridan; and (front row) Mark Slaughter, Mike Chapman, and Chris Northcutt.



Ever the defense man waiting to happen, Eric Van Meter posts up on a stunned player from River Forest.

The Bomber defense distracts a North White Viking.





With a capacity crowd watching, junior varsity forward Bill Hannon pumps for two.

The junior varsity boys basketball team posted a 13-7 record in Coach Sheridan's second year of coaching at RCHS. When asked about a highlight of the season Sheridan looked at the victory over West Central in the championship game of the mid winter classic.

The Rensselaer JV boys team was young during the 1992-93 season with four freshmen on the team: Bill Hannon, Kerry Mathew, Jason Arnett, and Brian Post. It is unmistakable that their devotion to the game of basketball helped the junior varsity Bombers defeat West Central.

"We had a great season with lots of hard work and dedication."
Coach Sheridan

Trying to up the score with a foul shot, junior Ivan Steinke shoots for one.

Freshmen Accent Junior Varsity Season





The 1993 junior varsity boys basketball team: (from left) Eric George, Bill Hannon, Todd Wilson, Eric DeHaan, Shane Wood, Ivan Steinke, Jake Risner, Kerry Mathew, Jason Arnett, Sean McKim, Brian Post, and Coach Troy Sheridan.



The 1993 freshman boys basketball team: (back row, from left) Coach Brian Wynkoop, Matt Dumas, Bobby Hoffeth, Dan Pitsick, Christian Brooks, David Bailey, Corey Wilson, Jason Moore, and Darrin Alson; and (front row) Nathan Bailey, T.J. Todd, J. J. Nagel, manager Joe Chapman, Kevin DeMoss, Jeff Hoyes, Ben Chapman, and Ryan Wing.

Coach Wynkoop watches intently as Matt Dumas shoots a basket.



Girls Varsity Basketball

Varsity Lady Bombers Ends Trip With Split Score

The 1992-93 girls varsity basketball team, with hard work and determination, ended their season with ten wins and ten losses. Leading the Lady Bombers was senior Denea Schultz with a total of 196 points. Prominent senior, Missy Beaver, unfortunately spent half of the season on the sideline with a bad knee, but she still donated a total of 95 points for the season.

During the Rensselaer sectional the Lady Bombers defeated the Lowell team with a score of 44-28 but lost to Hebron 76-42.

Denea Schultz, #41, shoots to help the Lady Bombers in the lead.



Members of the 1993 Lady Bombers basketball team: (from left) Becky Balvich, Angie Hoyes, Missy Beaver, Ava Zimmer, Julie Luck, Jenny Luecke, Tanya Allie, Denae Schultz, Steph Filson, Liz Steiner, and Wendy Koebke.



Penetrating Lowell's defense, Ava Zimmer shoots for two while in the air.



Jenny Luecke knocks a Lowell player out of the way as she rebounds the ball.



STATS

RCHS 32	Twin Lakes 65
RCHS 28	Lafayette Jeff 65
RCHS 32	Winamac 72
RCHS 51	Clinton Prairie 44
RCHS 43	North Judson 56
RCHS 48	Lowell 54
RCHS 42	Lake Station 41
RCHS 45	North Newton 33
RCHS 32	South Newton 32
RCHS 35	Southmont 56
RCHS 46	Frankfort 42
RCHS 46	Frontier 29
RCHS 52	West Central 36
RCHS 48	Tri-County 34
RCHS 42	North White 61
RCHS 36	Kankakee Valley 40
RCHS 52	River Forest 30
RCHS 30	Valparaiso 50
RCHS 44	Lowell 28
RCHS 42	Hebron 76

Clockwise from top Jenny Luecke, Wendy Koebeke, Becky Balvick, Ava Zimmer, Misty Beaver, Denae Schultz, and Tonya Allie team relax after a victory.

Rookie Roundballers Know the Right Moves

When the junior varsity girls started the 1992-93 season, they weren't very optimistic. But as they started winning, their confidence built up to a final record of 10-8. They won the Hebron tourney with the team coach McKim described as his "iron ladies."

The 1992-93 freshman team finished with a 10-5 record after winning the KV tourney. Shannon Marlatt lead the team with the most points and rebounds. Ryann Montgomery received the best free throw percentage, and Jennifer Pullins had the most steals and assists.

The freshman coach, Stephanie Primeau, rallies her troops.

The junior varsity team: (front row from left) Breinne Risner, Nicole Johnson, Jackie Dunbar, and Sheila Souza; and (back row) Erin McGraw, Jane Risner, Colleen Newman, and Jaimee Holbrook.

*"It was a full year of improvement.
— Coach Kim.*



Freshman Basketball		
RCHS 25	.....	Benton Central 32
RCHS 27	.....	North White 32
RCHS 34	.....	KV 20
RCHS 25	.....	North Judson 23
RCHS 34	.....	McCutcheon 33
RCHS 37	.....	Harrison 43
RCHS 26	.....	Lowell 21
RCHS 26	.....	North Judson 28
RCHS 30	.....	Linton 20
RCHS 38	.....	Valpo 35
RCHS 37	.....	Hobart 29
RCHS 31	.....	KV 17
RCHS 20	.....	Frostier 19
RCHS 18	.....	KV 6

Junior Varsity

Junior Varsity		
RCHS 27	.....	Twin Lakes 19
RCHS 25	.....	Lafayette Jeff 52
RCHS 24	.....	Winamac 27
RCHS 53	.....	Clinton Prairie 10
RCHS 30	.....	North Judson 50
RCHS 26	.....	Lowell 32
RCHS 26	.....	Lake Station 11
RCHS 34	.....	North Newton 22
RCHS 32	.....	South Newton 29
RCHS 27	.....	KV 29
RCHS 18	.....	River Forest 8
RCHS 28	.....	Valparaiso 27
RCHS 18	.....	North Newton 25
RCHS 33	.....	Hebron 15
RCHS 19	.....



The freshman team from left to right: Kelly Healy, Mary Marin, Michelle Tillotta, Cathy Jordan, Brandy Hitchings, Cristin Carter, Shannon Marlatt, Michelle Millar, Ryann Montgomery, Nicole Hamer, Elizabeth Daniels, Jennifer Pullins, and Amy Brown.



The ball, shot by Jackie Dunbar, travels toward two points against Kankakee Valley.



Enroute to winning the Kankakee Valley tourney, the freshman team defeats Hobart in the early rounds.

Remaining calm yet determined, Coach McKim, explains what needs to be done, with Erin McGraw looking on.



Wrestlers Endure Disappointing Season

Gain Valuable Experience

The 1992-93 Rensselaer Central Bomber wrestling team had a disappointing season. The 1992-3 team was a young one with only one senior, Ed Cain, the team captain. Ed proved to be a leader and showed it by posting a team-best record of twenty wins and eight losses. Conference champions Jason Gilbert, a junior, and Brad Burvan, a freshman, were next with seventeen wins and ten losses, and sixteen wins and nine losses, respectively. Freshman Jamie Jarrette also posted a sixteen and nine record. Another rookie, Kent Korniak, was the only other wrestler with a winning record. He finished with fifteen wins and twelve losses.

Award winners were led by Cain, who was first on the team with 26 takedowns and had perfect attendance at morning run. Ed also set a school record with fourteen decisions. Jamie Jarrette won the award for the fastest pin by doing so in sixteen seconds. Kent Korniak recorded fourteen falls to win the award for most falls. Jason Gilbert was all conference in the 125 pound weight class and had perfect morning run attendance. Brad Burvan also received all conference at 130 and was a perfect attendance morning run winner. Other wrestlers to have perfect attendance at morning run were John Joseph, Mike Farris, and Jim Chapman.

The Bombers finished with a 5-7-1 record in dual meets. They also finished 13th in the sixteen team Twin Lakes Invitational, 13th at the sixteen team Kokomo Holiday Classic, third in the Northwest Hoosier Conference tournament out of six teams, and fourth at the five team I.H.S.A.A. sectional tournament.



*"I was well pleased
with the effort of our
young grapplers"*
— Coach Burvan

Scoreboard

Bombers

	opponents
12 Kanakakee Valley	53
6 Twin Lakes	59
32 North Newton	27
36 North White	36
42 North Judson	36
19 Harrison	44
60 Central Catholic	16
42 South Newton	30
17 Delphi	47
20 Benton Central	51
60 Pioneer	15
27 West Central	40
24 McCutcheon	37

Exercising a power move, Brad Burvan struggles for the win.





Jason Gilbert gains the upper hand by grabbing his opponent's leg.



The 1992-1993 Bomber wrestling team includes (front row, from left): Jason Lewis, Gavin Smith, Paul McKim, Matt Jefriet, and Justin VanWeinen; and (second row) Coach Burvan, Brad Burvan, Jamie Jarrette, John Joseph, manager Kevin Arnold, Ed Cain, Mike Paris, Kent Korniak, and Coach Dobson.

Starting from the bottom, Jim Chapman attempts to work his way toward a win.

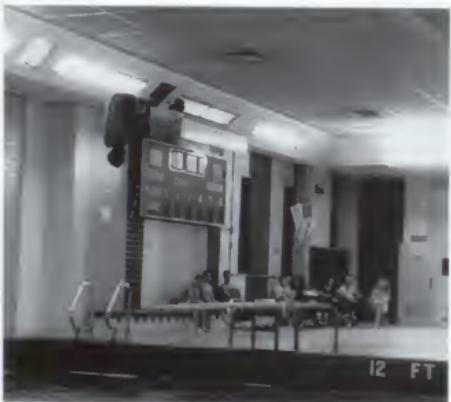


Swimmers Break Speed Limits

R.C.H.S. Sends Two to State.

The R.C.H.S. men's swim team skyrocketed to an excellent season this year, with a record of 15 and 3. The Bombers made short work of area teams such as Kankakee Valley and North Newton, and even managed to overpower larger schools such as West Lafayette and Merrillville. The tankers walked away from the N.W.H.C. with a team first and every individual first but two. They tied Benton Central at the Rensselaer Invitational, which warmed the Bombers up for the sectional which came the week after.

The Bombers placed fifth at sectional, after which Nathan Brown went to the state meet in the 100 yard backstroke and Grandon Spence in the 100 yard breaststroke and the 200 yard individual medley. Nathan finished with a 20th, and Grandon placed 7th in breaststroke and 20th in the individual medley.



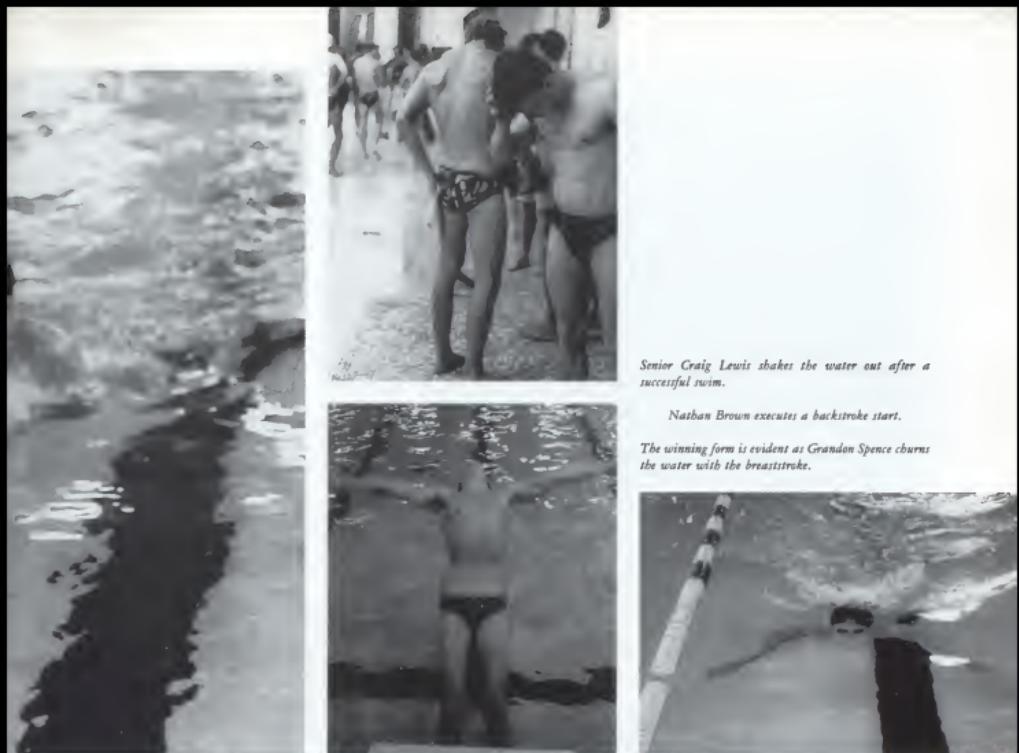
Josh Ojeda performs a double flip for a first place.

Freshman star Grandon Spence swims breaststroke.

"The expectations were low at the beginning of the season, but it ended on a high note."
Nathan Brown



Members of the 1992-93 men's swim team: (top row, from left) Coach Dan Kellow, Andy Gembala, Mark Rayburn, Nathan Brown, and Avery Douglas; (third row) Ryan Baker, Bill Fish, Jeremy Lane, and Craig Lewis; (second row) manager Melanie Callahan, Aaron Brenneman, Adam Brown, Garrett Weston, Kent Saylor, and manager Melissa Dunlap; and (front row) manager Jackie Miller, Dave Fish, Kevin Schrum, Wes Tillett, Chad Cummings, and manager Casey Tillett.



Senior Craig Lewis shakes the water out after a successful swim.

Nathan Brown executes a backstroke start.

The winning form is evident as Grandon Spence churns the water with the breaststroke.

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R.C.H.S. 132	Seeger 49
R.C.H.S. 100	Harrison 140
	Frankfort 88

When asked to share some of his thoughts about the 1992-93 swim season, Coach Kellow had the following to say, "I thought the season went really well. We only lost three meets, and we beat some really tough schools. The team all got along really well, and I think they learned what it means to work as a team and not to rely on individuals."

Nathan Brown was likewise pleased with the team's effort, sharing, "I was very happy with the season for the most part. The expectations were low at the beginning of the season, but it ended on a high note. I mean, Grandon and I got to swim in Indy, and it was a great experience."

Craig Lewis quips, "I was thinking of quitting the team this year,

but as it turned out I'm glad I stayed because I got my letter jacket. I also liked spending the time with all the guys on the team and bonding."

Mark Rayburn added to the sentiment. "I think this was one of my best years on the team mentally; although physically I was never completely satisfied, for example, with my times. But all in all, the team did very well and Rensselaer will continue to be an area powerhouse for years to come."

Grandon Spence finished the interview with an encouraging word, "I'm really happy about the way the season went, and I was glad that I could swim with Nathan at state. I look forward to the next three years."

Second Place Tracksters Exhibit First Rate Effort

The Boys track team placed second this year in the N.W.H.C. meet, the R.M.D. meet, and the sectional meet. On the other hand, the Bombers won Rensselaer's own Gene Edmonds Relays. The second place finishes were in no way representative of our effort. "We always ran our hardest," said Coach Zimmer.

K.V. beat RCHS at the conference meet, but the Bombers beat them at the sectional as Valpo ran away with the meet. In the Rensselaer Monticello Delphi, (R.M.D) meet, which consequently was the 78th running of the meet, the Bombers were edged out by Twin Lakes.

People who qualified for regional were Colt Webb in the disk, Alex Sitz in the shot put, Jay Prouty in the 300 lows, Craig Hurley in the 800m run, and Jared Hancock, Prouty, Ryan Wing, and Dean Sheffler in the 4x100 team.

Going all the way to state was Colt Webb, who ended up 7th in the discus and 19th in shot put.

Receiving a number of awards were Ryan Wing-underclass point leader, Alex Sitz-most improved, Steve Koebcke-E. G. Harrison Award, Jared Hancock-The "Z" award, and Colt Webb-Most Valuable Runner.

Kevin DeMoss, an up and coming long jumper, soars over the pit.

Colt Webb burls a disk in preparation for new field records.



Track team back row: Coach Bill Zimmer, Brian DeMoss, Paul McKim, Sean McKim, Kerry Kingman, Alex Sitz, Eric Van Meter, Craig Hurley, Dean Sheffler, Steve Koebcke, Joel Mason, Brian Sitz, Colt Webb, Chad Koebcke, Jay Prouty, Coach Killeen, Jason Elijah, Jeremy Lane, Coach Brandenburg, Coach Courtright. Middle row: Sam Strietmater, Curt Sinki, Dan Pittsick, Brad Cook, Kevin DeMoss, JJ Nagel, Ryan Wing, Rob Fraze, Nathan Bailey, Billy Parker, Steven Hale. Bottom Row: Chad Bacwick, Juan Rodriguez.

Colt takes a practice throw.





Kerry Kingman and J.J. Nagel lean into the start of the two mile. Kerry Kingman will tell you "It takes a little more to make a distance runner."

Joel Mason pole vaults just for the thrill of victory. Joel Mason had an outstanding season, taking first in many meets, narrowly missing qualifying for regionals.



Girls highlight 1993 track season

Girls track runners run to sectional

The small, yet strong girls track team had a very rewarding season during the 1993-1994 school year. Under the seventeenth year of Coach Nancey Messman, the girls were led to the sectional and regional games. Jackie Dunbar, Julie Luck, and Jenny Leucke were the three track contenders that ran the trek of hard work and dedication to the state final games.

Among those who went the extra mile to state finals were Jackie Dunbar, who placed 5th in the long jump, Jenni Leucke, who made 11th in the disc, and Julie Luck, who threw for 8th in the shot put.



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Freshman Brandi Hitchings soars in the long jump

Tanya Allie zips around the track for the Lady Bombers track team



Breinne Risner, Nicole Johnson, and Angie Heyes relax after running for the Lady Bombers.

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RCHS 44	KV 74
RCHS 83	North Judson 35
RCHS 83	Winamac 54
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	West Lafayette 38
RCHS 54	Lowell 62
	North Newton 31
RCHS Relays	third place
RCHS Conference	second place
RCHS 69	Boone Grove 48
RCHS 64	North Newton 51
RCHS 60	Twin Lakes 73
	Delphi 12



41 throws a shotput with force for the girls track team.

The 1993 girls track team is from left Nicole Johnson, Jennifer Pullins, Cathy Jordan, Ursula Beaver, Miki Ikenaka, Brandi Hutchings, Coach Cindy Kimmel, Breinne Risner, Sheila Souza, Jenny Leucke, Tonya Allie, Angie Heyes, Wendy Kostbcke, Jackie Dunbar, and Coach Nancy Messman.



Bombers Hit, Pitch Their Way To Up and Down Season

Bombers win out of last games.

The Bomber boys baseball team would have been covered on these pages, but the person in charge failed in his duties. We regret that this happened and will refer you to him to get the information.



The 1993 Varsity baseball team includes (front row, from left): David Fenton, Todd Wilson, Josh Ojeda, John Joseph, Dusty Cawby, Shane Wood, and Jim Chapman. Back row, from left: Kyle Lanoue, Clay Webb, Mike Chapman, Brian Zacher, Jason Felmy, Nathan Mathew, and Coach Klute.

Coach Clay Whaley rallies his troops.





David Fenton stares down yet another victim.

Jim Chapman attempts to decipher the signal from the coach.

Junior Bombers Struggle



Head coach Derrick Klute conveys his message to a batter through sign language.

Men's Golf Team Drives Toward to Victory.

With one lonely senior, Eric Beaver, the varsity golfers were awfully young. "We ought to be real tough next year with this young of a team," said coach Rich Steffanich.

The Bombers were lead this year by Junior Jake Risner who averaged forty for nine holes. Brian Post and Brad Burvan, the two varsity freshman youths, averaged 42 and 44 respectively. The Team's dual meet record at the writing of this article is an outstanding eleven and four. The j.v. record is seven and two.

When asked about his team's sectional chances Steffanich commented, "It would be real difficult for us to advance coming out of the Valpo sectional. But if everyone plays their best we might get out of there with a third and go to compete at regionals."

Eric Beaver plays it well out of the rough.

Chad Anderson searches amid the really ruff stuff for Eric George's tee-shot.





Eric Beaver makes a fine putt as Jake Riner graciously holds the pin.

Gavin Smith digs out of the sand trap.



1993 Golf Team picture from left : Gavin Smith, Rob Nussbaum, Matt Jeffries, Brian Post, Kent Korniak, Brad Burman, Scott Cochran, Chad Anderson, Kevin Arnold, Eric George, Kerry Mathews, Eric Beaver, Jake Riner, Troy Miller, and Coach Stefanicib.



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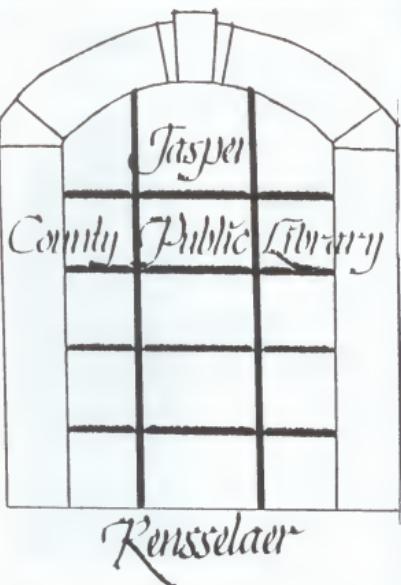


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